GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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SETTING UP OF ORANGE EXPORT ZONE IN VIDARBHA EXPORT ZONE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to set up Orange Export Zone in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the N.R.C. Centre of Nagpur has submitted a proposal for providinginfrastructure and other facilities to orange growers of the area;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): A proposal has been received from the State Government of Maharashtra for setting up of Agri-Export Zone (AEZ) in the Districts of Nagpur and Amrawati in Vidarbha region for export of oranges.

(b): The proposal was placed before the Steering Committee on AEZs on 27th November,2001. Since the State Government commitments were not received, the proposal was decided to be placed before the committee at a subsequent meeting. Meanwhile, State Government was requested to re-examine the market potential of Nagpur oranges as projected by them in the report. A detailed response is awaited from the State Government.

(c): A Nodal agency for AEZ, APEDA in Government of India has not received any such proposal.

(d) & (e): Does not arise.